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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PINT PINR PL
SUBJ: POLISH DISSIDENTS IN JAIL: THE IMPOSSIBLE NUMBERS GAME

REF: WARSAW 0017

1. THE PARIS BUREAU CHIEF OF THE NEW YORK TIMES, FLORA LEWIS, TOLD THE EMBASSY POLITICAL COUNSELOR ON JANUARY 14 THAT AFTER COMPLAINING ABOUT CONFLICTING ESTIMATES FROM POLISH OFFICIALS ABOUT THOSE JAILED AS THE RESULT OF JUNE EVENTS IN RADOM AND AT URSUS, SHE RECEIVED A SPECIAL BRIEFING BY INTER-PRESS ON THE SUBJECT. ALTHOUGH THE FIGURES DID NOT ADD UP CORRECTLY, AND SHE POINTED THIS OUT TO HER EMBARRASSED BRIEFER, SHE BELIEVES THIS WAS AN HONEST ATTEMPT TO GIVE HER THE BEST INFORMATION AVAILABLE.

2. SHE WAS TOLD THAT 353 PERSONS WERE DETAINED AT RADOM AND
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URSUS. OF THESE, 239 WERE LATER ARRESTED AND 272 SENTENCED. ASKED HOW THIS COULD BE, THE INTERPRESS MAN SMILED WEAKLY AND CONTINUED THAT OF THE 272 SENTENCED, 64 WERE RELEASED UPON APPEAL AND 214 SENTENCES WERE REDUCED. WHEN SHE AGAIN QUESTIONED HIS ARITHMETIC, HE SAID WITH GREAT CONFIDENCE THAT 58 ARE STILL IN JAIL.

3. ASKED ABOUT HOW MANY PERSONS LOST THEIR JOBS AT RADOM, SHE WAS TOLD ABOUT 1,000, BUT THAT MOST ARE BACK AT THE JOBS WITH "FULL RIGHTS". SHE DID NOT ASK ABOUT URSUS WORKERS.

4. COMMENT: THE NUMBER OF THOSE STILL IN JAIL (58) CLOSELY APPROXIMATES THE LATEST WORKERS' DEFENSE LEAGUE ESTIMATE (REF).
END COMMENT.
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